If your seedling meets all the above conditions, after observing it for a minimum of three years under different conditions, you have one worth registering.

CARE AND CULTURE

In all sections, now is the time to really wake up your plants and begin the Spring program of feeding. No better food is available than the formula sold by most producers as "Young Citrus Special", with minor elements. If combined with organic material it is even better. Remember that frequent, light feedings give better results than an equal total amount used all at one time. Foliage and nutritional sprays are also in order. When you begin heavy feeding, daily watering may be necessary. Mulch may now be used, after allowing it to rot down through the Fall and Winter.

All wood damaged by cold may now be pruned and your plants pruned to shape if required. Remember that heavy pruning over the whole plant will delay bloom production until new wood is mature, which may be as long as two months.

Examine all plants for disease or scale, for now is the time to establish control. A little care now will save a lot later on.

Before you get attached to them all over again, now is the time to remove or rework the ones that you have threatened so many times to discard and replace them with newer and better varieties.

In our next issue, HIBISCUS GROWING IN TROPICAL AREAS, by Bruce Parnell.

OPERATION SEED BANK

At the last Board Meeting in Orlando, it was proposed to establish a "Seed Bank". The basic idea behind this operation is that only those who have experienced the mixed joys and frustrations of producing new varieties from seed, can become a true, dedicated member of the Hibiscus fraternity. In presenting this program, it is our hope that to those participating, the pleasures will outweigh the disappointments and something of lasting interest and value will result.

Most amateur growers do not have the choice of blooms at the right time, nor a selection from the basic parent varieties to insure a superior type of seed. Many of us who do have such an advantage do not have the time and facilities to carry on an intelligent seedling program. It is, therefore, proposed that those of us who can do so, produce as many seed as possible for the pleasure and education of those less fortunate.

The plan is hereby set into operation with the following rules:

1. Surplus seed to be sent directly to your Editor. Send only seed that you would want to plant yourself. Be sure that breeding is given on each seed. This is intended to be a long range research program and without records will lose in value.